

HR 3626

EMS Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** May 24, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (May 25, 2023)

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 25, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Emergency Management Support Act or the EMS Act**

This bill establishes additional eligibility requirements to receive emergency management performance grants.

Specifically, to be eligible to receive a grant, a state must require local emergency management directors to successfully complete Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided baseline emergency management training developed in accordance with the National Incident Management System by one year after this bill's enactment and recurrently at an interval determined by FEMA to strengthen local emergency management capacity.

Further, a state must submit certifications to FEMA annually regarding compliance. A state that cannot certify that all local emergency management directors have completed the training must submit a certification that includes (1) an identification of all barriers to achieving the baseline emergency management training requirement, and (2) an approach to overcoming the barriers identified with an anticipated timeline for full compliance.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 25, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **May 24, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 24, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.